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Oversight at Marine Shale Processors continues

BATON ROUGE – A recently signed agreement will allow the Department of Environmental Quality to oversee the study and possible further cleanup of the Marine Shale Processors site in Amelia. The cooperative agreement is between DEQ and 18 companies that sent waste to the site for processing or their successors.

The agreement sets out a two-part plan. First, there will be an investigation to identify and delineate any contamination in soil, sediment, and groundwater and to quantify any risks may present. The second part calls for a corrective action study that will determine what procedures would best address cleaning up the rest of the site.

The department recently completed the oversight of the initial cleanup phase of the Marine Shale site. During this phase, DEQ's contractor recycled 289 tons of steel from 13 leaking or damaged tanks, treated and disposed of more than 194,000 gallons of wastewater and disposed of more than 2,000 tons of ash and other waste.

This was paid for by a settlement with Marine Shale and its sister corporation, Recycling Park, at a cost of approximately \$2 million.

The 18 companies who signed the cooperative agreement are: Beazer East, Inc.; Chemtron Corporation; Chemtura Corporation; Clean Harbors Environmental Services, Inc.; Environmental Enterprises, Inc.; Giant Resource Recovery – Attalla, Inc.; Hydrite Chemical Co.; International Paper Co.; Lion Oil Co.; Roy O. Martin Lumber Co.; L.L.C.; Perma-Fix Environmental Services, Inc.; Pollution Control Industries, Inc.; Romic Environmental Technologies Corp.; Solvents and Petroleum Service, Inc.; The Solvents Recovery Service of New Jersey, Inc.; 3M Company; Trelleborg Coated Systems US, Inc.; and Trinity Industries, Inc.